

# THE LEMON GROVE REVIEW

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Christmas  
to All!

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## BETHLEHEM REVISITED

ENGLISH STUDENTS AT CHRISTIAN HERITAGE COLLEGE WERE ASKED TO WRITE NEWS REPORTS ABOUT THE DAY THEY CELEBRATE AS THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. MOST OF THE STUDENTS, HAILING FROM AS FAR AWAY AS ALASKA AND FLORIDA, ARE IN FIRST SEMESTER ENGLISH 101. THIS IS WHAT A FEW OF THEM HAD TO SAY.

### LESLIE PINO

The City of Bethlehem, crowded as it has been for the last few days, is making even the best of us come apart. The census Caesar Augustus decreed has brought thousands of tired and sometimes angry people to our small town. The owner of the "Good Night Inn" said he is being swamped with business.

"All of my rooms are booked, some of them are even double occupied," he says. A search of the town's inns found that there are no vacant rooms in the city.

To further worsen the crowding situation, hundreds of shepherds converged into the city looking for a baby. They claimed angels appeared and spoke to them while they were in the fields.

The leader of one of the parties disturbing the peace reportedly said the angels told them to look for a baby lying in a manger. No credible eyewitnesses have come forward, as of yet to improve the shepherds outrageous claim.

Last night's commotion centered around an inn's stable, where the owner let two travelers stay over night. The innkeeper said he did not think the couple would be such a problem.

The disturbance started about 11 p.m. when, the before mentioned, shepherds journeyed into town and awoke many of the sleeping travelers, upsetting them in the process.

In a city where nerves are already frayed, it is not a good idea to awaken tired people in the middle of the night. Luckily no one was injured in the ensuing scuffles.

I happened to be the first on the scene, where a couple from Galilee had delivered a healthy baby boy just minutes before, with the help of a woman staying at one of the nearby inns. The father, Joseph, said he did not expect his wife to go into labor so soon. He had been hoping to go back to his home town of Galilee before the child was born.

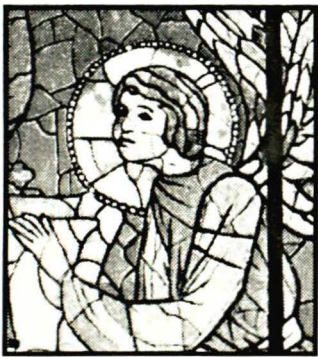
Within 30 minutes of the birth of the baby, shepherds arrived.

One of the shepherds is quoted as saying, "This is Christ the Lord."

The innkeeper thought the shepherds had drunk some bad wine, and asked them to leave. The innkeeper's words went unheeded. The last of the shepherds left just after 1:30 a.m.

The new mother said she would keep the memories in her heart forever. She did not seem bothered by the number of strangers near her or her baby.

*Editor's Note: If anyone would like to donate food or clothing for the new baby please drop them off at Craig's Bakery.*



### JASE SMITH

My dad is an innkeeper. He does a good business, especially now since the Tekniks demand that everybody must register with their hometown's resident artificial intelligence database to get cataloged as human (or otherwise).

This was a stunt we saw coming a long time ago. The Tekniks are the presidents of our nation. They used to be normal, like us, but technology has captured them and the people that have voted for them have allowed technology too far to reject it now.

We depend on technology too much, even for the simplest tasks. The Tekniks understand that and use it to their — to technology's — advantage. They are no longer strictly human; rather, they have become the foundation of a new species, one that is becoming an ever-growing threat to us Normals.

They are the epitome of tech-

nology meshed with the unpredictability of biology. They are cybernetic organisms (cyborgs).

In this world, where technology is God and the Tekniks are the prophets, priests and kings, we Normals will soon be out numbered, either by death or by cybernetic conversion.

My dad does a good business. He tries to keep the cyborgs in a separate wing from the Normals. He tries to keep the riots and fights to a minimum in our place. He can't turn them away, he needs their credits. After all, they still have to pay like the rest of us.

Some call my dad a traitor. Perhaps he is. But we do have a roof over our heads and, for the most part, the Tekniks leave us alone. My dad likes to keep it that way.

Sometimes I sit on top our building, up above the glow of the lights and the hum of the street pods, away from the tensions between the cyborgs and Normals, and out of range from the noise of nighttime street life.

The hypnotic music from the gazillion clubs electrifies the air, the undecipherable murmurs of too many people talking too fast and walking too slow around in their own delusive worlds paying little or no attention to anyone else.

Above the stench of a dirty, dingy town with dark side streets and even darker alleys, where the things that happen are not fit for the general public to hear, cyborg or not; up here, I escape from Neo-Tokyo Bethlehem.

Tonight is an exceptionally clear night. Normally, I cannot see the super-center from here. The stars are bright — brighter than I've ever seen them — and the moon has a beautiful corona.

"Jaik ... Jaik!"

"Coming!" I holler back down to my dad.

"Dreamin' again? Why don't you come join us back here on earth and help out your old man a bit? Go check the lot for Bots, huh?"

"Yeah, yeah. One day dad, you'll see. He will come and save us from this cyber hell."

"Don't give too much of your time to that ridiculous legend of a savior, you might wake up one day and realize it was just a story. Then you will be crushed and all that time will be wasted that you could have spent on things that mattered, like working, for me. Now, go get your butt in the lot!"

"Yeah, yeah, yeah. You'll see."

BOTS are a small class of society that can not exactly be categorized as neither human nor cyborg; although, they are more human than cyborg.

"BOTS" is a nickname they have that means "biologically okay-technologically screwed-up." They were Normals that had implants that did not take too well. BOTS are a result of the early phases of the conversion.

Since then, new converts are screened better to see if they are even compatible with implants.

BOTS are mostly nomadic, very timid and somewhat out of it. Unfortunately, that is the state of whatever mind they have left. They roam around searching for food or things to steal and sell.

I feel sorry for them; they are a testimony to the injustice of our system and the tyranny of technology. I am not against technology altogether, rather, the over-use and abuse of it is what I cannot stand. And the over-use and abuse



of it is what this world thrives on. Will not someone

please save me?

Strangely enough, I have not seen any BOTS out in the lot tonight. I did see two figures huddled together coming from the south end. They did not move skittishly like BOTS, but any Normal would have maneuvered a street pod up closer to the building to save from walking so far.

I take a security unit out to meet them, just in case they might desire to cause trouble.

"Everything okay?" I ask.

"Can you help? It, it's my wife ... she ... she's going to have our baby ..." he answers my petition, desperate.

"Yes. Come with me. I'll take you to my father, the innkeeper."

They definitely are not BOTS, and they must be out of credits if they were walking from that far away.

"No Jaik, there's no room. You know that." My father sounds sad, but not so much for them as much as for him having to turn down business.

"But dad, she's having a baby!"

"Jaik! I said no ..."

"What if they just stay tonight in the secret room?" My father had built a room with hidden entrances for when the cybernetic revolution might start. He will be upset, no doubt, that I even suggest it — aside from interrupting him — and will most likely punish me for speaking it aloud.

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## Community Notes

### Senior Center offering free January classes

The Grossmont Hospital Senior Center will offer the following free or low-cost educational programs for seniors in January:

**"Growing Wiser - Are You?"** will meet at 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. starting on Jan. 5, a four-week course meeting on Mondays at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino Del Rio South.

The course explores the facts and myths of aging in a four-week course that covers memory, mental alertness, loss and life change and choices for living. The course includes a workbook and handouts. The cost is \$8 but is free for Club 65 members. Registration is required. Call 1-800-SHARP to register.

**AARP's 55 Alive Mature Driving** course will be offered from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Jan. 5 and 12 at Grossmont Hospital's Women's Center, Rooms 2, 3, 5555 Grossmont Center Drive in La Mesa. There is an \$8 fee. Registration is required. Call 560-2500 to register.

**Stroke Smart Education and Screenings** will be offered from 9 - 10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. - noon on Jan. 8, Grossmont Hospital, Brier Patch Campus, Room 15, 9000 Wakarusa St. in La Mesa.

The program is free, but registration is required. To register, call 800-82-SHARP.

**Blood pressure screenings** will be conducted by a registered nurse from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 6 at the Lakeside Community Center, 9841 Vine St. in Lakeside. The screenings are free and no appointment is necessary.

## Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population:	25,100	Council:	Thomas Clabby
Incorporated:	1977		Craig Lake
Area:	3.75 sq. mi.		Dwight Shelley
Median income:	\$34,399		Jeff Jandura
1996-97 city budget:	\$26.3 million	City Manager:	Doug Yount
1996 taxable sales:	\$265 million	Planning Director:	Jim Butler
		City Attorney:	Gloria McLean
		City Clerk:	Christine Taub
Mayor:	Mary Teresa Sessom		

## WEATHER

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service.

		High	Low
Dec.	17	72	44
Dec.	18	66	48
Dec.	19	72	46
Dec.	20	70	42
Dec.	21	-	-
Dec.	22	-	-
Dec.	23	-	-

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## B Words

by Bob Burns

### Historical society to open long-needed location

We lovingly call them the "Hysterical Society" but only in jest. They are a most dedicated, and old, group of people who are very zealous in preserving the history and heritage of our town. Headed up by the beautiful Dr. Amorita Treganza, and supported by a host of very willing volunteers (mostly old timers) the organization has really come alive in the recent past.

Without a home, they have gathered and housed the memorabilia in an old shed on the Faucher property. Years of gathering artifacts and documentation pertaining to the history of our town have preserved a wealth of same for what will one day be a Lemon Grove Museum. The Atherton /Chapel has now been designated as such and, when remodeled, will be just that.

To attempt to name the many who have been part of this effort over the years would be impossible to include everyone. But there have been many, some now gone, and the living who are still working toward the end of preserving our heritage.

One project is to get an oral history from anyone who has knowledge of past Lemon Grove. It is simple and easy to do. Just speak into a cassette about what you recollect of our past. It matters not whether it is of great importance or not, just that it reminisce about the old days. We want every scrap of precious recall to fill in the picture of our beloved Lemon Grove. This could be done in the privacy of one's home, and will certainly be welcomed to our archives.

There is a new idea to finance the renovation, and to appreciate the supporters of the society. It is called an "Angel Walk" and for the paltry sum of \$100 one can be forever inscribed as a patron of the society. A brick with an inscription of family name, or whatever will welcome visitors to the Museum as they approach the front door. What an idea to commemorate a family, or a business or a person in the history of Lemon Grove, eh?

The tireless group of people who have worked so hard over the years to get this underway must be commended. Many of our young people today do not know what happened at Pearl Harbor, or on D Day. Our four attempts to incorporate and bring us to where we are, are dim items of dusty history. Who remember Michaels, or Cressy's Dept. Store or the Spin Inn? How about Max Goodwins "The Dimmer View" and the Ace Drive In Movie? And then there was the Sonka Store and the Packing House. These are treasures from our past that must not be lost.

Join the Historical Society and be a part of our heritage. One day, even you young people may be part of it, and will want to be remembered. Drop me a line at P.O. Box BB, Lemon Grove, for more info ...

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM/HIGH DENSITY ZONE AND RESIDENTIAL/PROFESSIONAL ZONE TO THE CENTRAL COMMERCIAL ZONE

On December 16, 1997, the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove adopted Ordinance No. 275, which was introduced for first reading on December 2, 1997. Ordinance No. 275 reclassifies certain properties from the Residential Medium/High Zone and the Residential/Professional Zone to the Central Commercial Zone (ZA97-07).

Voting For: Sessom, Shelley, Clabby, Jandura, Lake  
Absent: None

The Full text of said Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk at 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, California 91945.

CHRISTINE TAUB  
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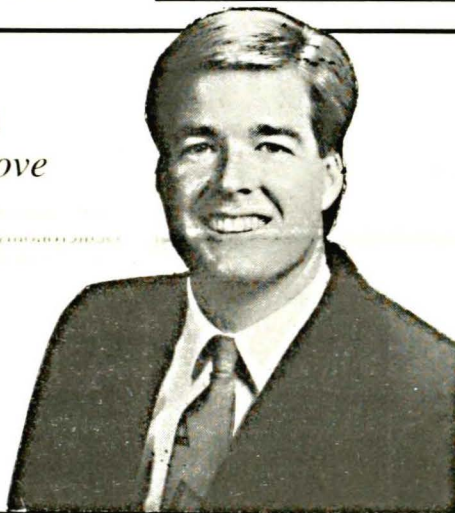
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# PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

December 26

Phew. Christmas is finally over! The gifts, holiday parties, the over eating: all gone. Mistletoe, season's greetings, goodwill to all mankind: packed away for another year. Now we can get on with the most important day of the year: Dec. 26.

Unless you've Rip Van Winkled for a decade or two, you know that Dec. 26 has become the most important day of the whole holiday season. It's our national do-over day. Our by-carb, the cure is at hand, day. It's the day when mistakes are corrected, omissions rectified and potential enhanced. On Dec. 26 the temples of temptation have become the citadels of redemption and absolution for all the miscues of the season await in the shrines and vestibules of the mall. Phew, that's a mouthful: that's Dec. 26.

But tucked within the unspoken premise of Dec. 26 are possibilities and opportunities that could and should be explored. Ramifications far beyond one day in December, beyond the holiday motif of Christmas. What if we had other days set aside to rectify our mistakes or our enhance opportunities? What if...

July 5. We could set aside the day as a day for returning any faulty politicians we mistakenly bought at the last election. This one-day special would allow us to replace those politicians who no longer work, have lost their luster or are found to be defective. And, boy, do we have some of those! We could swap them for new folks who have potential and who are not a hazard to small children. Wouldn't the promise inherent in a July 5 add some sparkle to July 4 fireworks?

Now that we have an ideal of how these rectification/exchange days would work, what if we des-

ignated a bright sunny day in May to exchange things that don't function the way they are supposed to. We could change banks without a penalty for early withdrawal, replace ill-mannered clerks with the wave of a hand, send stuffy bureaucrats back to a dank room to be rewrapped, and we could reassemble wobbly school boards. Wouldn't that make for a grand day in May?

And how about picking a day in early January, say Jan. 3, for disavowing those grandiose pronouncements made on Dec. 31. Without shame or remorse we could pour those New Year's resolutions back into that magnum that made it so easy for them to flow out. Recork, reshelve. That would save a lot of guilt and recrimination throughout the rest of the year.

Maybe we could also arrange to have one day a year when we would be able to take back any of the foolishness we might have been a party to the previous year. Feb. 10 might be just the right day. We could take back cruel words spoken in anger or pettiness displayed in moments of pique. We could return that ill-fitting insensitivity we started wearing to ward off the harshness of the world around us.

February 10 might even allow us to pick up some bargains in the love and caring departments: bargains that we missed or overlooked. And those we could share with others around us. That, I think, would make a nice lead-in to Feb. 14.

December 26 has become an important day in many Americans' lives. And as hectic as it is, it may serve a purpose. Wouldn't it be nice if we set aside other days?

What if we took a day in October and set it aside for ...

## Reel Thoughts

### Santa brings mixed bag of movie treats

by Betty Jo Tucker

During this Christmas week, moviegoers have lots to choose from at their local cinemas. How do these films rate as holiday entertainment? Here's a brief look at a few key movies showing between Christmas and New Years.

For mature viewers, the two best bets are "As Good As It Gets" and "Good Will Hunting." Like Ebenezer Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol," the leading characters in these fine new films put up emotional shields to protect themselves from the pain of loss. Unlike Mr. Scrooge, both men become better persons though contact with others, rather than as a result of ghostly visitations.

In "As Good As It Gets," Jack Nicholson plays a bigoted, neurotic grouch named Melvin Udall. In scene after scene we watch this unpleasant man humiliate people and shut them out of his life and heavily-locked apartment. Brilliantly portrayed by Nicholson, Udall provokes our embarrassed laughter at his insensitive blunders that both horrify and fascinate us. We wonder if a despicable man like this can change for the better. (If so, there is hope for all of us.) An astonishing performance by Helen Hunt ("Twister"), as a single-mom waitress who helps Udall break through his shell, and a surprisingly good one by Greg Kinnear ("Dear God"), in the role of an injured neighbor, add to the charm of this edgy romantic comedy from TriStar Pictures.

"Good Will Hunting" (from Miramax) features rising-star



Melvin Udall (Jack Nicholson) is shocked by Carol Connelly's (Helen Hunt) public display of affection in "As Good As It Gets."

Matt Damon ("The Rainmaker") as a rebellious young genius who fears losing his working class friends if he takes advantage of the fantastic opportunities available to him. His shield comes in the form of flippancy, sarcasm, and continuous fighting. No spirit of Christmas past, present, or future could match the unconventional therapist (Robin Williams) who shocks this extraordinary youngster into finding his "good will." Both Damon and Williams shine in this heartwarming comedy/drama.

Remember when you wanted that shiny new bike for Christmas but got a pair of roller skates instead? You might experience that same feeling after seeing "Titanic," "The Postman," and "Tomorrow Never Dies." These eagerly-awaited films fail to live up to their expectations.

"Titanic" comes to life only during the spectacular shipwreck scenes. Its corny love story almost sinks this liner again. "The Postman" takes over three violence-filled hours to deliver its simple message about courageous mail carriers in a dismal future world. And the new James Bond movie, "Tomorrow Never Dies," lacks a convincing villain, so all its non-stop action doesn't seem to matter much.

For kids, there's the hilarious "Mouse Hunt" and a ridiculous "Mr. Magoo." Two off-color scenes make the former a bit questionable for youngsters, and the latter doesn't quite work for Magoo fans. Still, both comedies contain the type of slapstick humor that most children enjoy.

No matter which movies you decide to see, have a very happy holiday season!

## THE BRIGHTER VIEW



### Jesus was an illegal alien

by Steven Saint

Once again, Californians muster their Christmas cheer after another year of making life for illegal aliens as difficult as possible. It's oddly ironic.

After all, Jesus himself was once an alien.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus crossing the Egyptian border to escape a government death squad sent to Bethlehem. The tale is short and barren of any detail — the Holy Family fled to Egypt and returned to Palestine when the baby-killing king had passed on.

Now, crossing borders was different in those days. They didn't have large walls, fences and checkpoints. They didn't have big bureaucracies employed to stop people and check for identification. In fact, passports and visas as we know them weren't even invented until World War I.

Simply stated, there was no such things as legal or illegal immigration until this century. People, including Baby Jesus, just migrated.

If Egypt had passed Prop. 187 prior to the first Christmas, Joseph and Mary would have been turned back, or if they had succeeded in sneaking across the border, would have lived in Egypt like hunted fugitives until Herod died.

Fortunately for Christians, those pagan Egyptians protected aliens.

Protecting aliens, not persecuting them, is the biblical way. The concept is first recorded in the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:10: "But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates."

This commandment about the Sabbath could be called the Jewish Bill of Rights. All humans (and animals), regardless of their social station, are to receive equal treatment on the Lord's Day. Dennis Prager and Joseph Telushkin write, in *Eight Questions People Ask About Judaism*: "In order to achieve the Shabbat goal of peace between man and man, the Shabbat laws actually realize the fundamental Jewish belief in the equality of all human beings, the equality of men is legislated in the Bible three times: Exodus 12:49, Leviticus 24:22 and Numbers 15:16."

These three passages all state that there should be no legal discrimination against "the alien." Further, Leviticus 19:9 - 10 and 23:22 and Deuteronomy 24:19 mandate an agrarian-era welfare system: "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings from your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien (L.v. 23:22)."

Christians who feel Americans have a God-given right to keep their bounty from the Mexican alien need to take a serious look at three books of Moses, as well as Matthew, who reports that the Christ Child was an alien who grew up to be a champion of aliens.

Of a Roman military commander stationed on Jewish soil, Jesus dared say, "I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith (Mt. 8:10)."

In the 15th chapter, Jesus goes on retreat along the northern border of Israel. He encounters a pagan women from Phoenicia, a Syrian, who has crossed the border in search of free medical services for her daughter. Jesus' disciples recommend deportation proceedings, but Jesus decides to speak to her.

At first, he refers to her as a "dog," the first-century Hebrew equivalent of "wetback." Impressed by her persistence and faith, however, Jesus provides the necessary social services.

Finally, in Matthew 25, Jesus talks about the Last Judgement. When the time comes to separate the sheep from the goats, the King will not pull out some kind of theological litmus strip or a big, dusty volume with people's moral debits and credits. He will simply reward them based on how they responded to five human conditions: hunger, thirst, alienation, nakedness, disease and imprisonment.

The conclusion of the story is that Jesus identifies with those who are suffering, not the comfortable and self-righteous.

"Then the righteous will answer him," Matthew writes, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger (another word for "alien") and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison or go visit you?" The King will reply, "I tell you in truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25:37-39)"

So the irony of Christmas and Prop. 187 comes full circle. Not only was Jesus himself an alien, but he later instructed his followers to serve the alien as they would serve him.

A lot has changed since the days of Baby Jesus. We now have nation-states, where ethnicity and citizenship are no longer one in the same. We have borders and passports and lots of bureaucracies and regulation. We have parents fleeing death who are deported right back to face their fate. We have 508,803 San Diegans — many of whom want to follow the Christ Child — who voted to withhold food, water, education and health care from anyone who doesn't have the right piece of paper.

Some things haven't changed. It's another Christmas and once again, people are talking and singing about peace on earth, good will to men.

I don't think Jesus has changed. He's shivering, trying to sleep tonight in a canyon somewhere between Tecate and Jamul.

Feliz Navidad.



# BETHLEHEM REVISITED

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"Jaik ..." For some reason, he stops and I look into his eyes with mine full of compassion for these young travelers, and I see his heart soften. "Hurry up, and keep quiet!"

I take the couple down to the room and then come back to get them blankets and food.

On my return trip to the room, I walk in on the birthing.

She does not seem to be in any pain, in fact, it almost seems pleasurable to her. The man with her holds up a perfect, human baby boy, and I see shining from within his eyes and around the crest of his head a ring of light from heaven.

I run to tell my father that He is here!

## HEATHER DAVIS

As many of you may know our town did not get much sleep last week. As if census time was not hectic enough, we also had to deal with three alleged murderers in the city.

If you have not already heard, the ordeal has been cleared up and was not at all as serious as it was made out to be. It was simply a mistake made by a fellow townsman, Isaac Marley.

On the morning of Dec. 27, Isaac Marley entered his stable to discover blood covering the hay. Marley panicked at the sight, remembering the young couple he allowed to stay there. He hastily came to the assumption that the three suspicious looking Oriental men, whom he had seen enter the stable the night before, must have murdered the poor couple.

Without any further investigation to support his theory, he quickly ran to a close neighbor's house with the story on the plight of the murdered couple.

The two men gathered a small group of men to pursue the three fugitives and began to search the town.

The news of murderers on the loose in Bethlehem quickly spread, causing much of a scare throughout the city.

Following the fourth day of the search, Marley had gathered a group of over 200 men to apprehend the criminals.

When interviewed earlier one of the men stated, "We were trying to simply secure our families' safety and could not knowingly allow murderers to walk the streets where our children play."

After a week's worth of searching, though, many questions began to arise about the validity of Marley's story, since the fugitives were still no where to be found.

When we asked Marley why he was so convinced that the couple had been murdered, his reply was that, "A strange star appeared over my stable and when I found the blood, I figured the star was God's way of showing me something bad had happened here and it was my job to avenge the murder."

Marley also told this story to many of his men which is why they stayed in the search so long also.

In a last attempt to apprehend the criminals, Marley and his men decided to search the local chapels and temples in case they had fled there for a safe haven from their pursuers. In the third temple they searched, Marley was quite amazed and rather embarrassed to find the young couple, quite alive and healthy. He also found the reason for the blood in the stable: a newborn baby boy. The three Oriental men had, in fact, been kings visiting the child.

Marley's foolishness was exposed twofold in that not only was word of his folly spreading through the city like wild fire, but he was also required to give a public apology yesterday.

In his speech, Marley apologized for his "disturbance of the peace," and tried to argue his "motivation for the panic he caused," but frankly the crowd was not very forgiving, throwing rotten vegetables at him while he spoke.

Many of the group Marley brought together were angry, but they were willing to forgive him.

One man said, "Isaac only had the interest of the town's safety in what he did, and you cannot exactly reprimand him for good intentions."

Many of the townspeople are just glad to know that every thing is back in order and they can now

get back to their lives. Maybe we can even sleep a little better now, too.

## MACARIO AVALOS

It has been a couple of busy days here in Bethlehem, because of the census that was ordered by Caesar Augustus. So everyone had to go to their own cities.

This was just another ordinary day in Bethlehem. To start the day off, the mayor's office was evacuated because someone threatened to throw rocks through all of the windows.

Then the delivery over on 1st Street and Crenshaw Boulevard was held up by a band of rebel camels. The rebel camels only got away with club sandwiches and a milkshake.

Over in the low-income housing (also known as the "projects") on 21st and Main streets, one of the biggest drug rings this side of the Euphrates was busted by the Narcotic Division of the Bethlehem Sheriff's Department.

They confiscated more than a ton of opium that has been brought in from the Far East, possibly as far as China.

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The 10 young men are waiting for a trial date and are looking at a sentence to death row.

This was a big boost for the Sheriff's Department, after the chief of police was caught working in a counterfeit money ring along with half of the police force.

Besides all this, there was a bar fight over in the French Quarter between a 80-year-old woman and three young men. Although they started the scuffle, one of them suffered a concussion, another a fractured skull and the last suffered a broken leg in two places with a dislocated shoulder.

The elderly woman only suffered a scratch on her left arm. Now she is going to press charges on the young men.

This has been a pretty quiet day with all the chaos that has been going on. Since everybody has been crowding into our small town for the census, the economy has exploded.

The poor old shoe repair man who has hardly any business is

now overwhelmed by all the travelers' sandals that have worn out on them. All the restaurants are running out of food, even the little one on Martin Luther King Boulevard that has roaches all over and you can never get a clean piece of silverware.

Although the town is making a lot of money, it is running out of food and the streets are becoming filthy from the odor from all of the shepherds' flocks.

Besides all the problems that have been going on in the town, there is a rumor that a baby was born in the stable over at the Budget Inn on 3rd and Yale streets.



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Everyone in Bethlehem, Bethsaida, Nazareth and all the other cities under Roman rule wanted to make sure they were counted in the census. The cities were full of people. Young, old, tall, and short alike were filling the streets. All were traveling back to



their home town so they could register for the census. The inns were all full. It was nearly impossible to find a place to lay your head for the night. As you walked down the streets you could hear numbers being called out by people: "50, 51, 52, 53..." The people had to find the official taking the census and ensure that he counted them.

Feasts were being prepared on every road. The smell of fish being cooked and bread being baked filled the air. The taverns were full of men enjoying themselves with their old friends. They were singing, drinking, and having a blast.

The men would reminisce about the things they use to do as young men, the pranks they would pull, the women they were with, and all the other terrible things they did.

All the innkeepers were busy making sure their customers were happy and comfortable. Every inn was packed with officials for the census and people who had traveled long distances to be counted. The innkeepers' helpers were running all over getting food and drink for the customers.

The innkeepers were making a lot of money because of this census.

Apparently the inns were so full, a couple had to take shelter in a stable. The women were preg-

nant and about ready to give birth. It was not the innkeepers' fault, there was just too many people in town. The man must have been a carpenter because he was carrying a saw and some other wood-working tools.

There were also some shepherds in the fields that said some angels told them that a savior was to be born in Bethlehem. He was supposed to be the Son of God or something like that.

These shepherds must have been drinking in the bars with their friends because no angels have been seen before around here.

## MICHAEL WALKER

The air was crispy and cool that night. Each star was competing for the eyes of men, but none shone like the low slung star over Bethlehem. It bathed the small town with an unearthly light or glow.

Thomas and I were on our break while David and Joel watched the flock. We kept our small fire going, feeding it twigs or anything that would burn.

I fell back in fear, cowering among the sheep. Then a peace enveloped me as the angel spoke. His voice was soothing yet thunderous. He told us not to be

afraid, and that today the messiah was born in the city.

We were all thrown back when



the sky ignited in a glorious flame of angels. They were singing praises to The King, telling of his birth. The first angel told us we could find him in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. As suddenly as they appeared, they vanished.

We all sat dumbfounded at first, but one by one we ripped our eyes from the sky and towards the little town of Bethlehem. It was small, but bursting at the seams. We did not know how we were going to find the Baby amongst the multitude of infants in the city.

We were about to give up hope when David brought the star to

our attention. We followed the star, sneaking through alleys and streets. Finally, we came upon the Baby King.

His parents were there huddled over a manger, holding each other and looking like they had the answer to life. Reverently, we all approached the messiah, kneeling at his makeshift crib. We told his parents of the angels and star. We worshiped the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Soon, we could not contain ourselves and ran into the city streets, proclaiming what the angels had said on high. We ran into others who had seen the same, and pointed them in the Savior's direction.

Truly this day will live until time ends.

About 30 years later, I heard the tale of a man proclaiming to be the Son of God was crucified, and rose three days later.

I knew it was true, for that baby told me so.

*Art for "Bethlehem Revisited" was kindly provided by Franklin Booth, Alois Lang, Quentin Massys, Giovanni di Paolo, Norman Rockwell, Antoniazio Romano, Jan van Eyck and Our Lady of Guadalupe.*

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# Wells busy making youth ballet shine

by Cheryl Cohen

Last weekend's performances of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Snow Queen" by the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet at Balboa Park's Casa Del Prado Theatre further illustrated that Lemon Grove's loss of Teresa Wells' Lemon Grove Arts Complex is now San Diego's gain.

When Lemon Grove's city council denied further funding to augment Wells' dance school last year, she didn't languish. Before long, the youth ballet snatched her out of a short respite to become their artistic director. For this particular show (and many others), Wells was also a choreographer, costume and set designer, set painter and teacher.

This year marks the 50th year of performances for the ballet, and also the exodus of many of Wells' students from Lemon Grove to San Diego in order to continue their studies under her expertise.

Along with many others from all over the county who participated in the show, "The Snow Queen" included former Lemon Grove Arts Complex students: Ribka Mekkonen, Michelle Hendrickson, Emily Kahn, Bernadette Johnston, Ryan Beck, Elisabeth, and Rebecca Garity, Margaret Grafstein, Aliyah Hassan, Amy Stacy, Loni Lewis, Xavier Hicks, Shannon Snyder, Haley Beckwith, Christina Seijersen, José Chavez, Ashley Ward, Dana Nelson, and Hannah Alirez. Many of the children, who ranged in age from 4 to 19, played multiple parts.

Michelle Hendrickson, who has been a student of Wells for many years, stole the show as the talented (albeit mischievous) sprite, who lured innocents to the evil Snow Queen in Christensen's story. Beck received a tremendous audience response from his brief but very comical portrayal of the hobbled



San Diego Civic Youth Ballet dancers rehearse for "The Snow Queen."

old grandfather. Jester (and Choreographer) Hassan's legs resembled a fast fiddle in argyle tights as she danced.

The costume colors and design mesmerized, as did the imaginative set techniques for the show. Although the production looked hugely expensive, Wells says she is working with basically the same budget as she did while in Lemon Grove.

"We were able to get sponsorships here, which is what I was trying to make them (city council) understand we could also do in Lemon Grove," she said.

The ballet also enjoyed the staging, prop, set and costume design, management and crew support of Lemon Grove's Habitat for Humanity, Jay Cochrane, Robert Alirez, Kim Blackford, David Adams, Howard Hendrickson, Tracy Van Baalen, and Dana Nelson.

One of the most memorable things about this company, is that it is made of all shapes and sizes of kids. Although everyone for this particular production had to audition for their parts, it appeared that everyone got their chance. Tiny

tots to towering teens played flowers, 'fishies', jesters, robbers and reindeer, and aroused a collective "Awwwww!" from their adoring audience.

"I don't want to be reviewed as a professional company, but as a good training program for kids," said Wells. She says that what sets her teaching style apart from other schools is that she doesn't want to hang on to her kids. "I want them to move on."

And, move on they have, to some of the most prestigious dance companies in the nation. Lemon Grove Planning Commissioner, proud father of "little jester" Hannah, and Prop Manager for the ballet Bob Alirez says that it's Wells' meticulous style which sets her apart from other dance mavens.

"Teresa has had a great deal of help with this production, but you can be sure her hand has been in every little part of it." He added that although it's a shame that the ballet is no longer in Lemon Grove, it is great exposure for the kids to be in Balboa Park now.

Anyone interested in the ballet should call 233-3060 for information. Classes resume on Jan. 5.

## Mr. President, sir!

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District has unanimously selected Trustee Ron Kraft to serve as its 1998 governing board president. He has been a member of the governing board since 1992 and was the 1997 board vice president.

"My goal for the board is to focus our efforts on the needs of the community," said Kraft. "In 1998, we will proactively work to build policy that is more responsive to the public and that builds learning environments for students."

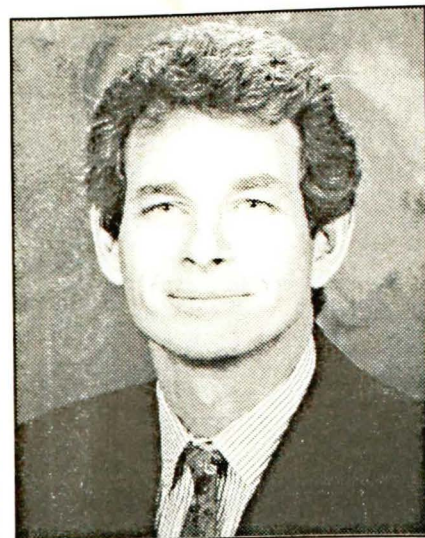
The El Cajon resident has a background in education and business consulting. He is currently working on his doctorate in education. He was recently named the chief administrative officer for Credit Union Leasing of America, which provides indirect vehicle leasing programs for credit unions across the nation.

Kraft and his wife, Janene, have one daughter and three sons ranging in age from 2 to 21.

Other 1998 board officers are Rick Alexander, vice president and Timothy Caruthers, secretary.

The board also decided to continue in 1998 their meeting schedule of twice-a-month the first Tuesday at the Grossmont College Board Room and the third Tuesday of each month at the Heritage of the Americas Museum at Cuyamaca College beginning at 6:30 p.m. Closed session, if necessary, will be held immediately after the open session is convened.

Kraft succeeds Rebecca Clark who served as president last year.



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